6th International Congress of Baltic Medico-Legal Association

New Technologies in Forensic Medicine
Vilnius, Lithuania,

Closing remarks

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6 BMLA Congress 2007 Vilnius

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Baltic Medico-Legal Association
Foreword

Almost seventeen years ago on April 5, 1990 official representatives of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian medico-legal societies met in Vilnius in order to join together their efforts and bring into being an association of forensic scientists operating in the Baltic states area.

In the same year the Medico-Legal Society of the St.Petersburg region expressed a wish to join the newly established Association.

The Association’s congresses are held every three years in the capitals of the Baltic States and St. Petersburg in turn.

After quite a long period the 6th Congress of the Baltic Medico-Legal Association – BMLA – take place in Vilnius – the city of its establishment.

The nature of forensic science and legal medicine is broad and may extend beyond medical and legal issues, into scientific and technical areas, and include specialists’ roles such as anthropology, toxicology, genetics, odontology, entomology and innovative non invasive methods like virtopsy.

The special emphasis was given to ethical and human rights principles.

The scientific program of the congress was strengthened to achieve the adequate knowledge in preparation and implementation of new modern technologies into practical expert’s activities which would meet the requirements of legal institutions for the expertise performed.

The emphasis to different level of forensic service is the critical issue which was discussed.
The main issue of 6th BMLA Congress

- to set up the NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN FORENSIC MEDICINE;
- to state the art of the scientific research knowledge.

The main topics of the Scientific program:

- Forensic pathology,
- Forensic genetics,
- Forensic toxicology,
- Forensic odontology,
- Physical anthropology,
- Mass disasters investigations, Forensic criminalistics,
- Clinical Forensic Medicine, Bioethics, Law,
- Forensic Entomology.
- Forensic medical education (Continuing Professional education), Policy and Services were developed.
SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

I.  FORENSIC PATHOLOGY – PAT (42) (OP – 7; PP – 35)
II. FORENSIC GENETICS AND SEROLOGY – GEN-SER (13) (OP – 6; PP – 7)
III. FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY – TOX (18) (OP – 8; PP – 10)
IV. FORENSIC MEDICAL EDUCATION (CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION),
    POLICY AND SERVICES – CPE-POL-SERV (8) (OP – 8; PP – 0)
V.  FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY,
    PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY,
    MASS DISASTERS INVESTIGATIONS-ODO-ANT-MDI (10) (OP – 8; PP – 2)
VI. FORENSIC CRIMINALISTICS – CRI (13) (OP – 4; PP – 9)
VII. CLINICAL FORENSIC MEDICINE, BIOETHICS, LAW – CFM-BIE-LAW (13) (OP – 3; PP – 10)
VIII. FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY _ENT (3) (OP – 2; PP – 1)

OP - 46  PP - 74  TOTAL: 120
21 Country participated in 6 BMLA 2007 Congress in Vilnius

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Total number of participant: 177
INITIATIVE - RESOLUTION

FROM:
THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE BALTIC MEDICO-LEGAL ASSOCIATION

TO:
MR. FRANCO FRATTINI, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
THE GOVERNMENT’S OF BALTIC STATES

Date: June 16, 2007.

An Appeal Regarding the Directed Attention to Different Levels of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine Service Institutions in European Union Countries with Special Emphasis on New Member’s States – Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.
Unification depends on several aspects:

- The joint EU and State (National) politics regarding forensic medical examination.
- The equal basic level of forensic medical experts in all EU Member States.
- The scientific level of forensic medical examination institution in all EU Member States.
- The joint EU and State financial support.

- The framework and network of cooperation has to be foreseen as the degree of progress varies, the gaps should be reduced.

- The areas where considerable efforts are still required are notably those related to the use of EU and State funds.

Signed by:
Acknowledgment

- International Scientific Committee
- Prof. Pekka Saukko the Chief Editor of the international journal Forensic Science International
- all authors and coauthors who expressed their willingness to exchange the scientific research and practical experience with colleagues and present their work.

- Elsevier Science, the copyright holder, for publishing the Congress material in the Forensic Science International, Volume 169, Supplement 1, 15th June 2007, ISSN 0379-0738, an international journal dedicated to the applications of medicine and science in the administration of justice.

- Organizing Committee and Congress Secretariat for all work done to get the best in organizing such event.
Support

- Government of the Republic of Lithuania
- Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation
Thank you for all and we hope that Congress organized in Vilnius bring you the best memories

We are wishing best luck and success in yours hard work.